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SUBJECT: TRACKING DOWN THE GOZ'S INGA-SHABA INTENTIONS

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1. IN ORDER THAT EXIMBANK OFFICERS LENTZ AND GABA MAKE THE MOST OF THEIR TRIP TO ZAIRE SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 9-16, WE FEEL IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE TO REQUEST FURTHER CLARIFICATION FROM THE GOZ OFFICIALS WHO ARE PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR VARIOUS LOAN AND CREDIT AGREEMENTS WHICH LENTZ AND GABA HOPE TO DISCUSS. WE UNDERSTAND FINANCE MINISTER BOFOSSA AND GOVERNOR OF THE BANK OF ZAIRE SAMBWA ARE STILL IN MANILA FOR THE ANNUAL IMF-IBRD MEETINGS. WE REQUEST AMEMBASSY MANILA CONTACT THEM SOONEST AND MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS: (BOTH SPEAK FLUENT FRENCH BUT ONLY BOFOSSA SPEAKS VERY LIMITED ENGLISH.)

A. INFORM BOFOSSA AND SAMBWA THAT EXIMBANK LOAN OFFICER JOHN LENTZ AND COUNSEL CHARLES GABA PLAN TO VISIT KINSHASA OCTOBER 9-16 TO NEGOTIATE FINAL SIGNATURE COPIES OF THE INGA-SHABA LOAN AGREEMENT, THE GECAMINES LOAN AGREEMENT, AND THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PAYMENT FACILITY AGREEMENT.

B. COULD BOFOSSA AND SAMBWA FURNISH US WITH THEIR TRAVEL PLANS DURING THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS. SPECIFICALLY, ARE THEY PLANNING TO RETURN TO KINSHASA PRIOR TO THE NEW YORK BANKERS' MEETING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 18. OBVIOUSLY THEIR PRESENCE IN KINSHASA DURING LENTZ-GABA VISIT WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL AND MAY EVEN BE ESSENTIAL FOR APPROVAL OF DRAFT AGREEMENTS. IN ANY EVENT, WE MAY NEED TO CONTACT THEM AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO WHICH COULD BE DEVELOPED.

C. IN ORDER TO MAKE THE LENTZ-GABA VISIT MORE WORTHWHILE, REQUEST SAMBWA AND BOFOSSA TO NOTIFY APPROPRIATE GOZ OFFICIALS THAT SAMBWA SIGNED A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH EXIMBANK DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON. UP TO THIS TIME, NEITHER SAMBWA NOR BOFOSSA HAVE RELAYED TO OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE GOZ THEIR CONCURRENCE WITH THESE AGREEMENTS WHICH THEY EXPRESSED IN WASHINGTON.

2. FOR EXIM: WHAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE TOWARD SATISFYING GOVERNOR SAMBWA'S CONDITIONS PRECEDENT FOR HIS SIGNATURE OF THE PAYMENT FACILITY AGREEMENT, AS SPECIFIED IN THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WHICH HE AND EXIM CHAIRMAN DUBRUL SIGNED?

3. REF A ONLY JUST RECEIVED SINCE IT WAS SENT ONLY ROUTINE PRECEDENCE. REQUEST FURTHER TRAFFIC THIS SUBJECT BE SENT IMMEDIATE.
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